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1. DURING APRIL 11 MEETING WITH FONOFF POLITICAL
DIRECTOR RUTTEN, DCM EXPLAINED ADVANTAGES AS U.S. SAW
IT OF HOLDING A NATO HEADS OF GOVERNMENT MEETING MAY
29-30 WHICH WOULD NOT BE ORGANICALLY LINKED TO THE
THIRD STAGE OF CSCE. USE WAS MADE OF TALKING POINTS
CONTAINED IN STATE 81406 WITH WHICH RUTTEN WAS ALREADY
FAMILIAR.

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2. RUTTEN CONFIRMED THAT DUTCH DO HAVE RESERVATIONS

ABOUT THE PROPOSED MEETING PARTICULARLY AS REGARDS
TIMING. HE SINCERELY DOUBTED WHETHER IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE
TO PREPARE AND REACH AGREEMENT ON AN ADEQUATE SUBSTAN-
TIVE AGENDA IN A LITTLE OVER SIX WEEKS' TIME. HE ALSO
SAID THAT WHILE THE DUTCH COULD ACCEPT THE CONCEPT THAT
THE MAIN FOCUS OF DISCUSSION NEED NOT NECESSARILY BE
CSCE THEY DID BELIEVE THAT THE MEETING WOULD HAVE TO
ADDRESS ITSELF TO A THOROUGH ASSESSMENT OF RESULTS OF
STATE 2 IN ORDER TO REACH INTELLIGENT CONCLUSIONS REGARD-
ING THE TIMING AND LEVEL OF STAGE 3.

3. IN THIS CONNECTION, RUTTEN REFERRED TO THE
DISCOURAGING LACK OF PROGRESS ESPECIALLY REGARDING BASKET
III, WHICH RAISED A REAL QUESTION FOR THE DUTCH WHETHER
STAGE 2 COULD BE ENDED IN TIME FOR A HEADS OF GOVERNMENT
EVALUATION BY THE END OF MAY.

4. RUTTEN FEARED A WELL-PUBLICIZED, UNSEEMLY
ROW AMONG NATO MEMBERS, NOTABLY INVOLVING FRANCE IN TRYING
TO REACH AGREEMENT SO QUICKLY ON THE TIMING AND AGENDA
OF A MEETING OF THIS SCOPE. HE LIKEWISE FEARED THAT EVEN
IF IT PROVED POSSIBLE TO ORGANIZE THE MEETING BY THE END
OF MAY THE DISCUSSIONS WOULD BE CONTENTIOUS AND UNPRODUCTIVE
IN TERMS OF ACHIEVING A GREATER CONSENSUS AND SOLIDARITY
AMONG NATO MEMBERS. HE PROFESSED TO HAVE LITTLE SYMPATHY
FOR THE CONCEPT OF A PEP RALLY WHERE HEADS OF GOVERNMENT
WOULD EXCHANGE MUTUAL REASSURANCES ON THE STATE OF THE
ALLIANCE. BUT CHIEFLY HE WAS SKEPTICAL THAT AN EARLY
HEADS OF GOVERNMENT MEETING COULD PRODUCE ENOUGH SUBSTAN-
TIVE RESULTS TO JUSTIFY THE EFFORT AND THE FANFARE. HE
ACKNOWLEDGED IN CLOSING, HOWEVER, THAT THIS WAS IN ESSENCE
A PRELIMINARY DUTCH REACTION WITH THE FINAL POSITION TO
BE ESTABLISHED BY FONMIN VAN DER STOEL.

5. COMMENT: OUR FEELING IS THAT RUTTEN AND THE
FOREIGN MINISTRY ESTABLISHMENT ARE SEEING MORE
DRAWBACKS TO THE PROPOSED MEETING THAN IS VAN DER STOEL,
WHO IMPLIED IN A CONVERSATION WITH THE DCM EARLIER THAT
DAY THAT HE WAS GOING TO THE INFORMAL DUBLIN MEETING OF
EC FON MINISTERS WITH A REASONABLY OPEN MIND. AFTER THAT
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MEETING AND THE SUBSEQUENT POLITICAL COOPERATION MEETING
OF FON MINISTERS IN LUXEMBOURG, WE WILL BE IN A BETTER
POSITION TO ASSESS HOW MUCH OF A DUTCH PROBLEM WE HAVE
AND WHAT WE NEED TO DO ABOUT IT.
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